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**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the Title page, in field (62), under "Related U.S. Application Data", in column 1, line 2, delete "2000." and insert -- 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,660,657. --, therefor.

In column 1, line 7, delete "2000." and insert -- 2000, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,660,657. --, therefor.

In column 5, line 27, in Claim 1, after "upper" insert -- oxide-comprising --.

In column 5, line 28, in Claim 1, after "lower" insert -- oxide-comprising --.

In column 5, line 36, in Claim 1, delete "400" and insert -- 400° C. --, therefor.

In column 5, line 37, in Claim 1, delete "exposing,thermally" and insert -- exposing, thermally --, therefor.

In column 6, line 3, in Claim 1, delete "silicon-oxide-containing" and insert -- gate oxide --, therefor.

In column 6, line 5, in Claim 1, delete "at least one" and insert -- a --, therefor.

In column 6, line 5, in Claim 1, delete "over" and insert -- on and in direct physical contact with the upper oxide-comprising surface of --, therefor.

In column 6, line 19, in Claim 4, delete "500watts" and insert -- 500 watts --, therefor.

In column 6, lines 26-27, in Claim 7, delete "The method of claim 1 wherein the exposing occurs for a time of less than or equal to about 1 minute." and insert -- The method of claim 1 wherein the annealing comprises thermal processing at temperature of less than 1100° C. for a time of at least 3 seconds. --, therefor.

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In column 6, line 28, in Claim 8, after "is" insert -- a --.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon W. Dudas". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "J" and a cursive "Dudas".

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